Agenda

November 21, 2019 1:30 to 3:00 pm

129,000 Pound Large Truck Network

NDDOT Room 310 and 311

Conference Number available

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1:30 Call to Order, Introduction/Roll Call of Attendees – Brad Darr, DOT, Scott Zainhofsky, DOT, Kirk Hoff, DOT, Jackie Darr, HP, Craig Faul, DOT, Kevin Sonsalla, Dept. of Commerce, Ron Henke, DOT, Doug Goehring, Dept. of Ag., Matt Garner, ND Chamber, Matt Luger, DOT.

**By phone**, Chuck Steffan, NDMCA, Lance Meyer, League of Cities, Jason Benson, NDACO.

1:35 Approve Minutes from August 27th, 2019 -Ron motioned to approve Matt seconded, all in favor, motion approved.

1:40 JGL Application – Public involvement - City of Mohall, Bottineau County, and Renville County. Both counties are part of the load pass. They both had no concerns on state system. Mohall has a Maint agreement through town on Hwy 5. Had concerns about condition of roadway, after discussing network, city was in favor of adding segment. Application on ND 5 from 52 to 256 into Canada.

**Discussion** - JGLjustified that they will add 60 loads to increase business. Brad discussed with JGL and county, highway 256 is not a good road, but Hwy 83 is a level one freight corridor, to the west is Hwy 28, and that has a better Canadian highway north. If we give then only 1 highway it will have 60% solution, but both highways would give them 100% solution. At junction of 256 and 5 is an elevator for sale, and if the network goes through it would give them a viable option to purchase the elevator. No concerns with bridges, but the highway will have some load restrictions that will affect transit in the spring, also have upcoming projects in 2020 – 2023 that will widen/improve the roads.

Jackie asked when coming in or out of Canada, do we talk to customs, some ports of entry have a limited time they can enter and exit ports, and may only be able to enter or exit once a day, through some ports of entry. Brad stated, we have never discussed ports of entry. Ron asked if their request is 5 and any of the routes, or are they asking for a specific route to get them to 100% solution. The official request is for 5 and 256. JGL requested only state highways, no county roads or city roads. The application makes more sense at the intersection where the elevator is. Full loads go north and east and North and west to provide feed for cattle. Ports of entry hours are; Sherwood/ND28 - 8 am to 9 pm, Antler/ND256 - 9:00 am to 10 pm and Westhope/US83 - 8:00 am to 9:00 pm. Ron stated that the ports of entry time change will go into effect on November 24th. Antler port of entry will have hours reduced to 7 pm.

Doug questioned if we could approve the two optional routes or could approve all 3 and let the director decide. Ron leaning to 5 and 83, better and heavier traveled corridor. Project will increase width to accommodate route. Kevin asked if they know how far the elevator is from their route request? Brad pulled up a slide to indicate the elevator is right at the corner of the intersection. Projects are scheduled that would increase ND 5 width up to Westhope. Jason said he has no additional comments since the counties have agreed with route. **Ron Motioned to recommend JGL for highway 5 and 83 to the Director to approve. Doug seconded, all in favor. Motioned approved.**

2:15 Road Trains – Ag and Trans committee are meeting on road trains, have asked the Dept. to do testimony will prepare and present. On Australia 2 trailers are a train. December 12th is the Road Train meeting, Ron stated leaning to get clarification, bill states need a study, to find out what is right, economical, from there could derive a pilot program, have heard a 3-car maximum would be a train. Testimony will center around pushing study so we can look at routes, geometrics etc. determine where the best place is to try it. Have lengths that will come into play, currently have nothing more than a triple endorsement.

2:20 - Discussion Any concerns with how we are operating or how process is working. Jackie states we are doing a lot for the Canadians, but question why US has not asked for US 81 in Grand forks for 2 blocks going to the ND Mill 2 blocks north of US 2, or 8 to the ethanol plant in Richardton. Brad stated has had an in person visit about Frac sand in North Dakota. Jackie stated we have sold annuals 67 annual permits; 294 30 day permits and 100 single trip permits. Permits changed; they will no longer expire on December 1st. They are now good for 365 days straight. LCV permit starts December 1st  and goes through March 7th.

2:30 Adjourn – Doug motioned to adjourn; Ron seconded. Meeting adjourned.